Lunchtime Concert:
Louise Gibbs & Ben Finlay

Monday 12th October 1:10pm, Firth Hall

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Louise Gibbs - Vocals

Ben Finlay - Piano

One Hundred Years of Jazz Song Uncovered

Jazz vocalist Louise Gibbs presents Jazz Song Uncovered. In this intimate duo setting with pianist Ben Finlay, the programme marks 100 years of jazz song from its blues roots in Bessie Smith, the American Songbook of Billie Holiday, Ella Fitzgerald, and Sarah Vaughan, the improvisational bebop of Betty Carter, the liberation soul of Abbey Lincoln, the Brazilian contribution of Tania Maria, to the contemporary jazz fusion of Esperanza Spalding and modern British jazz vocalists.

Louise Gibbs

Louise Gibbs is a singer, educator, composer/bandleader with an international reputation and five critically acclaimed albums on the 33 Jazz label to her name. She has performed and recorded with top UK and US jazz artists: Lynne Arriale, Kirk Lightsey, Ron McClure, Steve Melling, Tony Kofi, Jonathan Gee, Tim Whitehead, Brian Priestley, amongst others. She has taught improvisation, musicianship, vocal technique and pedagogy at major conservatoires and universities in the UK and, before returning to freelance life, held posts at Leeds Conservatoire, Goldsmiths, University of London, Guildhall School of Music and Drama, Royal College of Music. She continues to perform and is in demand as a voice teacher, coach and performance specialist, including at the University of Sheffield.

Ben Finlay

Ben Finlay is a pianist, cellist and bass guitarist and graduate of the Royal Academy of Music in London. He has performed with renowned orchestral groups such as the National Youth Orchestra of Great Britain, National Children's Orchestra and City of Leeds Youth Orchestra.

Coming up next

We've got loads of great events coming up, you can visit our website for full details - www.performancevenues.group.shef.ac.uk

Rush Hour Concert - Antony Clare

Thursday 28th October, 2026 - 5:45pm
Free
Firth Hall

Of These Folk & Access Folk Celebration

Thursday 5th November, 2026 - 8pm
£11-17.50
Firth Hall

Free Concerts on campus

Throughout term time we run free informal recitals and events in Firth Hall, including visiting guests and the performances from the talented students from the Department of Music.

These events are free to attend and are performed at lunch time and rush hour, which we believe make the events accessible for everyone to enjoy. To find out more about these events and to reserve your ticket, head to our website.

Monday 19th October, 2026	Lunchtime Concert – Heidi Rolfe & Benjamin Frith	Firth Hall	1:10pm
Wednesday 3rd October, 2026	Rush Hour Concert – Pop & Jazz Ensembles	Firth Hall	5:45pm
Monday 26th October, 2026	Lunchtime Concert – Performances from our Students	Firth Hall	1:10pm
Wednesday 28th October, 2026	Rush Hour Concert – Antony Clare	Firth Hall	5:45pm
Monday 2nd November, 2026	Lunchtime Concert – Performances from our Students	Firth Hall	1:10pm
Monday 16th November, 2026	Lunchtime Concert – Performances from our Students	Firth Hall	1:10pm
Monday 23rd November, 2026	Lunchtime Concert – Composition Special	Firth Hall	1:10pm
Wednesday 25th November, 2026	Rush Hour Concert – New Music Ensemble	Firth Hall	5:45pm
Monday 30th November, 2026	Lunchtime Concert – Historically informed performances	Firth Hall	1:10pm
Monday 7th November, 2026	Lunchtime Concert – Historically informed performances	Firth Hall	1:10pm
Monday 14th November, 2026	Lunchtime Concert – Historically informed performances	Firth Hall	1:10pm